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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing in to testify in support of SB 250. This legislation is written to ensure that Alaskans benefit from future data center developments. As a state, we have a lot to learn from data center construction in the lower 48, where we have seen data center growth shift high costs onto ratepayers while posing real risks to public health.

SB 250 protects consumers from new costs that Alaskans cannot afford to take on. It also ensures grid reliability and back-up plans that make common sense.

Other prominent concerns linked to data centers, such as noise pollution and local job growth can be addressed through community benefits agreements - a common tool and protection for residents written into this legislation

We would encourage the committee to consider amending the legislation to include provisions around water use. In addition to energy, many data centers require high amounts of water to prevent infrastructure from overheating. A common refrain is that Alaska has a lot of water, and while that's true, it must be protected as the critical resource it is. It's important that we receive transparent information from developers on water use, including information on volume, source, and wastewater disposal. In addition, we want assurance that data center construction will not contaminate or impair current drinking water systems due to overuse or contamination which have been documented in other states.

Thank you for your time and attention.

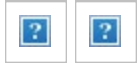
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